and has since fully paid the purchase money for the CHAP. 225. same; and whereas, the said John Henke is by birth an alien, and has not been residing in this country for a sufficient length of time to enable him to become a naturalized citizen, although he has made known his intention in due form of law to become a citizen; and as it appears reasonable that the said John Henke should be made capable to hold real estate:-Therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, May hold or That John Henke, of Frederick county, may lawfully purchase, have and hold, own, charge, sell and convey, transmit, devise or otherwise acquire and dispose of real property, and any interest or estate therein, in the same full and ample manner, in all respects, as if he now were a citizen of this State.

convey real property

CHAPTER 225.

An act to authorise the erection of a Bridge over the Pa- Passed Mar. 3, tuxent river, at Brown's Ford, in Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties, and for extending the roads leading thereto.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Commissioners Maryland, That Doctor William P. Palmer and Caleb Stabler, of Montgomery county, and Samuel Cissel and Pennell Palmer, of Anne Arundel county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to contract for, superintend and direct, the building of a bridge of suitable dimensions over the Patuxent river, at or near Brown's Ford, on said river, in said counties, and the Levy directed commissioners of Anne Arundel county and the levy court of Montgomery county are hereby authorised and required, upon receiving from the said commissioners an account of the cost and charge of erecting said bridge, certified under the hands and seals of said commissioners, with an affidavit or affirmation of the truth thereof annexed, to levy on the assessable property of their respective counties, one half each, of the cost and charge Limit aforesaid; provided, the whole amount shall not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars.

to contract for building, &c.